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TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

SUBJECT: Proposed Actions Pursuant to Statutes Containing  
Legislative Veto Provisions

1. Background. The recent decision by the Supreme Court in INS v. Chadha, broadly declaring legislative vetoes to be unconstitutional, requires careful review and coordination of agency actions that will hereafter be taken under statutes that still contain such veto provisions. This will be necessary in order to avoid unnecessary confrontation with the Legislative branch; to assure consideration of the precedential impact of individual actions on the Executive branch as a whole; and to allow the Executive and Legislative branches to accommodate to the Court's decision in a constructive manner.
2. Definition. The term "proposed agency action" shall include the taking of any act, the submission of any notice to the Congress of a proposed action, the submission of a notice to the Federal Register of any proposal for action, or the submission of formal notice required by law or traditionally given to the general public or any defined segment thereof, whichever occurs first.
3. Action Requirements. Where proposed agency actions are subject to legislative veto provisions still set forth in statutory law, the following procedures are to be observed before those actions are implemented:
  - o Notices of proposed regulatory actions will continue to be submitted to the OMB Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, pursuant to Executive Order 12291 or the Paperwork Reduction Act; however, proposed regulatory actions governed by currently enacted legislative vetoes should be expressly identified as such by the agencies.
  - o Notices of proposed appropriations-related actions should be delivered to the appropriate OMB budget division; however, those actions that are routine in nature (e.g., the annual submission to the Congress of operating plans) should not be included if prior agreement has been reached with the appropriate OMB budget division to exclude them.

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- o Notices of other proposed agency actions should be delivered to the personal attention of James M. Frey, Assistant Director, Legislative Reference, Room 7202 New Executive Office Building; however, in order to avoid unnecessary reporting, these notices should be sent only in the case of proposed actions that are likely to be of a controversial character.
- o All Congressional testimony dealing with legislative veto matters, whether of an oversight or legislative character, should be submitted for clearance to the OMB Legislative Reference Division; the procedures of OMB Circular A-19 should be deemed applicable to all such testimony whether expressly applicable by its terms or not,

4. Clearance Requirements. Clearance procedures concerning regulations are established by Executive Order 12291; in all other cases, an agency is not to proceed with the proposed action without affirmative OMB clearance.

5. Procedural Requirements. The following procedures shall apply to the submissions of proposed agency actions (other than proposed testimony) required under paragraph 3:

- a. Notice of proposed agency actions should be given to OMB as early as possible, and in any event at least five working days prior to planned agency submission of the proposed action to the Congress. Early notice is required in order to assure adequate time for OMB review.
- b. When providing notice, the agency should submit to OMB the actual documents that it proposes to send to the Congress, the Federal Register or the general public or any defined segment thereof.
- c. Where the proposed agency action is likely to be of a controversial character, the agency also should submit to OMB a concise statement setting forth all pertinent facts regarding the controversial aspects of the proposed action.
- d. The Director of OMB may define generic categories of proposed agency actions that are likely to be of a controversial character and for which individual submissions are to be made for all proposed actions.

6. Statutes. A list of statutes that contain legislative veto provisions is attached. This list, prepared by the Department of Justice, is intended to be exhaustive, but agencies should report to James M. Frey any currently enacted legislative vetoes not set forth in the attachment. In this regard, it should be noted that the Department of Justice has advised that under the Chadha decision, statutes purporting to empower Congressional committees to waive waiting periods under report-and-wait provisions are unconstitutional.

7. General Provisions. The coordination of these actions by OMB is not intended to supersede or to alter any other review procedures that may be currently applicable to proposed agency actions, including consultations or reports regarding legislative vetoes requested by the Department of Justice.

8. Although these requirements reflect the Administration's determination to avoid unnecessary controversy in connection with proposed agency actions, each agency should clearly understand that these procedures are not to be used as a justification for failing to proceed with discretionary action that the agency believes appropriate to carry out its statutory responsibilities and Administration policies. The procedures of this Bulletin, calling for the exercise of coordinated judgment with regard to potentially controversial actions, are to be understood as facilitating, not impeding, the exercise of appropriate policy discretion by each agency.

9. Because the issues raised by the Chadha decision are of historic importance, your personal attention is requested to assure compliance by your agency with the provisions of this memorandum.

10. Sunset Date. This bulletin will remain in effect until September 30, 1984 unless superseded or rescinded.



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